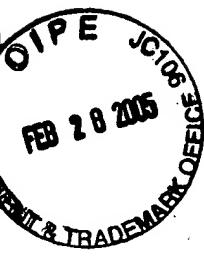


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## AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

In response to an Office Action mailed December 7, 2004, please amend the hereinabove referenced patent application as follows: